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1. Work on the construction of a new railroad line across Lake Templin will be started soon. Two cranes and barges to be used as accommodations for construction workers have already been moved to the construction site on the lake. In the Potsdam press it was officially announced that effective 4 July 1955 an area on Lake Templin marked by red buoys between Havel River km stations 19.4 and 22.3 had been blocked to all shipping and sport activities because of construction work.
2. Prior to 4 July 1955, track construction work had not been started between Rustermark - Ort and Brieselang, the last remaining gap in the northwestern section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring.
3. On 28 June, it was learned that no railroad line was under construction between Neubukow and Rerik. Only a spur track and a loading ramp were being built there. The completed portion of the loading ramp was 400 meters long.
4. The following observations were made between 20 and 28 June:
  - a. Work on the installation of the planned daylight signal facilities was to be started on the southern section of the Berlin Rail Circuit. Daylight signal facilities are scheduled to be installed also in the northern section of the circuit.
  - b. Work on the project of a new railroad line between Eberswalde and Loewenberg was discontinued. On 26 June, after a local inspection, the execution of the project was postponed because of a lack of funds.
5. The following information was obtained between 29 June and 13 July:
  - a. In 1955, nonscheduled excavation work, which does not require construction materials, is to be executed. This indicates that scheduled construction work for which funds had been made available could not be executed for lack of materials. Such additional excavation was envisaged at the following points:
    1. Hoyerswerda - Schwarze Pumpe railroad line; removal of about 130,000 cubic meters of earth for a stretch of about 5 km at an

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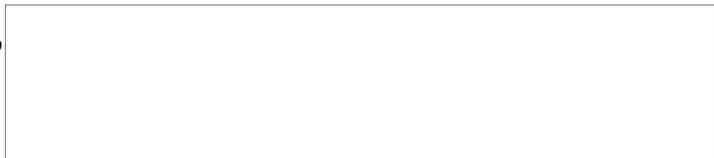
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estimated cost of 2 1/2 million DME.<sup>6</sup>

- 2. Wuhlheide marshalling yard; removal of about 75,000 cubic meters of earth at an estimated cost of 500,000 DME.<sup>7</sup>
- 3. Sassnitz railroad station; excavation work for a new ferry bed at an estimated cost of 500,000 DME.<sup>8</sup>

b. Preparations were made for the installation of automatic signal facilities between Schoenefeld and Grossbeeren on the southern section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring. Concrete foundations for signal masts were being erected.<sup>4</sup>

6. On 12 July, it was learned that a speed limit of 10 km/h had been imposed for the bridge over the Elbe River near Wittenberge. The reconstructed portion of the bridge which was damaged during the war is said to vibrate up to a width of 11 cm. Traffic between Wittenberge and Stendal is greatly affected by this speed limit. Preparations have been made to eliminate the defect.<sup>9</sup>

1. [Redacted] Comment. This information refers to the construction of a bridge over Lake Templin in the course of the new railroad line between Wildpark and Michendorf which has been designed in order to close the last gap in the "Westring" Berlin. [Redacted] 25X1

2. [Redacted] Comment. Construction work on the northwestern section of the Berlin Rail Circuit [Redacted] 25X1

3. [Redacted] Comment. In a previous report [Redacted], it was mentioned that a railroad line to Serik was being built from Neubukow [Redacted]

5. [Redacted] Comment. Information on plans for this project was transmitted previously.

6. [Redacted] Comment. For last information on the construction of this railroad line, [Redacted]

7. [Redacted] Comment. Wuhlheide is scheduled to become the largest marshalling yard in the GDR. [Redacted] 25X1

8. [Redacted] Comment. The ferry bed is used for the Sassnitz-Trelleborg ferry line. The low volume of traffic on this line would hardly justify the construction of an additional ferry bed. 25X1

9. [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted] It is planned to construct a special roadway for vehicular traffic in 1955 at the estimated cost of 2.2 million DME [Redacted] 25X1

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